

# LATVIA RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT 2025 GUIDE



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## Investing in Latvia with a Residency Option

Obtain 5-year EU residency in Latvia through **real estate, bank deposit, or business investment**. Explore legal steps, tax benefits, and returns—tailored for African and international investors.



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# I- Introduction

In an era where global mobility, security, and financial diversification have become key priorities for high-net-worth individuals and internationally minded families, Latvia's Residency by Investment (RBI) program stands out as a pragmatic and accessible gateway to the European Union. Situated at the crossroads of Northern and Eastern Europe, Latvia offers not only geographic and economic advantages but also a streamlined immigration framework that balances flexibility, legal transparency, and low entry thresholds.

Since its inception in 2010, Latvia's RBI program has enabled thousands of non-EU nationals to obtain legal residency in Europe through qualified investments. Administered by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (OCMA) and aligned with EU standards on security and anti-money laundering compliance, the program grants a renewable five-year Temporary Residence Permit (TRP) with full access to the 26-country Schengen Area. Importantly, investors can include their spouse and dependent children in the same application—without requiring physical relocation or extensive stay requirements.

The program offers three distinct pathways to suit different investor profiles: a conservative **bank deposit** option with minimal risk and no active management; a **real estate investment** route that provides tangible asset ownership and rental income potential; and a **business capital investment** model that promotes active engagement in Latvia's growing SME sectors, with dividends and long-term return potential. Each option leads not only to residency, but also to permanent settlement and eventual citizenship for those who meet integration and residency criteria. This 2025 guide provides a comprehensive analysis of Latvia's Residency by Investment program, outlining its economic context, legal framework, tax implications, investment requirements, and post-residency options. Whether you are seeking a stable second residency, a platform for EU market access, or a strategic foothold for your family's future, Latvia presents a compelling and reliable solution. This report will help you navigate the options and make an informed decision tailored to your personal goals and financial strategy.



# II- Country & Macroeconomic Overview

Latvia is a Northern European country located on the eastern coast of the Baltic Sea, bordered by Estonia, Lithuania, Russia, and Belarus. Its capital, Riga, is the largest city and a cultural and economic hub in the region. With a population of approximately 1.9 million (2025), Latvia is known for its rich natural landscapes, extensive forests, and a well-preserved cultural heritage. The official language is Latvian, though Russian is also widely spoken. Latvia regained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991 and has since become a member of the European Union, NATO, and the Eurozone. It operates as a parliamentary republic, with a multi-party system and a President serving as head of state. The economy is diverse and export-oriented, with strong sectors in services, manufacturing, IT, and timber. Despite its growth, challenges remain, such as demographic decline and labor shortages. Latvia boasts a vibrant cultural life, renowned folk traditions, and a highly educated workforce. It maintains a strong Western alignment in foreign policy, actively participating in regional and international alliances.

Latvia's economic indicators present a mixed picture, while facing some post-pandemic challenges and inflation pressures that peaked in 2022, the country maintains strong EU connections and continues attracting significant foreign investment. Household income (average net adjusted disposable income of \$19,783) remains below developed country averages, though the education system shows strength with 89% of adults holding upper secondary diplomas and an average of 18.2 years of education.

## €40.2B

GDP (2024)

After a recession of -0.3% in 2023, Latvia's economy contracted slightly by 0.4% in 2024, reflecting challenges from reduced growth among trade partners and weakened investor confidence.

## €1.1B

FDI Inflow (2024)

Despite economic contraction, Latvia maintained strong foreign direct investment, with total FDI stock growing by 5.7% to reach €26.3 billion, primarily from EU countries.

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Life Expectancy

Latvia ranks among the lowest in the OECD, with life expectancy five years below the OECD average, and only 47% of Latvians rating their health as good versus the 68% OECD average.

As a member of the EU, Eurozone, Schengen Area, and OECD, Latvia offers investors a stable regulatory environment and strategic positioning at the crossroads of Northern and Eastern Europe, making it an attractive destination for those seeking European residency through investment.

# III- Overview of the Residency by Investment Program

Latvia's Residency by Investment (RBI) program, established in 2010, offers third-country nationals a pathway to temporary EU residency through qualified investments. Governed by Section 23 of Latvia's Immigration Law and administered by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (OCMA), the program aligns with EU directives on immigration, security, and anti-money laundering standards.

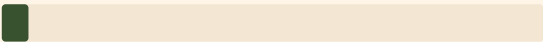
Program participants receive a 5-year Temporary Residence Permit (TRP) with significant benefits:

- Visa-free travel throughout the 26 Schengen countries
- Residency rights including healthcare and education access
- Family inclusion (spouse and dependent children)
- Pathway to permanent residency after 5 years
- Potential citizenship after 10 years (subject to conditions)
- No strict requirement for physical presence

 100%


## EU Access

Full mobility within Schengen Area

 5 yrs

## Permit Duration

Leading to permanent residency eligibility

 30-90

## Processing Days

Efficient application timeline



### Real Estate Investment

€250,000 in major cities or  
€125,000 in rural areas, plus  
5% government fee

### Business Capital Investment

€50,000-€100,000 in Latvian  
company equity, depending  
on business size

### Bank Deposit

€280,000 fixed-term deposit in  
a Latvian credit institution for  
5 years, plus €25,000 state fee

With its relatively low barriers to entry, streamlined processing, and strong legal framework, Latvia's RBI program offers a valuable option for investors seeking European residency without permanent relocation or complex business ventures.

# IV- Investment Options

## 1-) Company Investment

### a- Framework & Company selection

Latvia's investment-based residence program, governed by the Latvian Immigration Law, requires a €50,000 investment in a Latvian SME and a €10,000 state budget contribution, granting a 5-year residence permit.

This program, based on the **Immigration Law of the Republic of Latvia** (Section 23, Paragraph 1, Point 28), allows a third-country national to obtain a **temporary residence permit** under the following conditions:

€50,000	€10,000	5	7
SME Investment	State Contribution	Years Validity	Days Presence
Minimum share capital in an active Latvian company.	One-time payment to the Latvian state budget.	Renewable temporary residence permit duration.	Minimum annual presence in Latvia.

### b- Legal Considerations

- **Equal Investor Rights:** Latvian law grants foreign and local investors equal rights and protections.
- **Government Approval for Strategic Sectors:** Ownership changes in vital sectors (energy, telecom, finance, defense) require prior government approval.
- **Formal Share Transfer Registration:** All share transfers must be formally registered with the Latvian Commercial Register.
- **Comprehensive Shareholder Agreements:** Due to limited statutory protections for minority shareholders, comprehensive shareholder agreements are highly recommended.

# c- Company selection criteria

## Define Investment Tier Based on Profile

### Standard Tier

Company meets these criteria

Registered in Latvian Commercial Register

50 employees

Annual turnover < €10 million

Pays ≥ €40,000/year in corporate taxes

Required investment: €50,000

## SME Scouting via Partner Network

Use audited network of SMEs (e.g. tech, logistics, renewable energy, manufacturing)

Prioritize companies with audited books, consistent profits, and active operations.

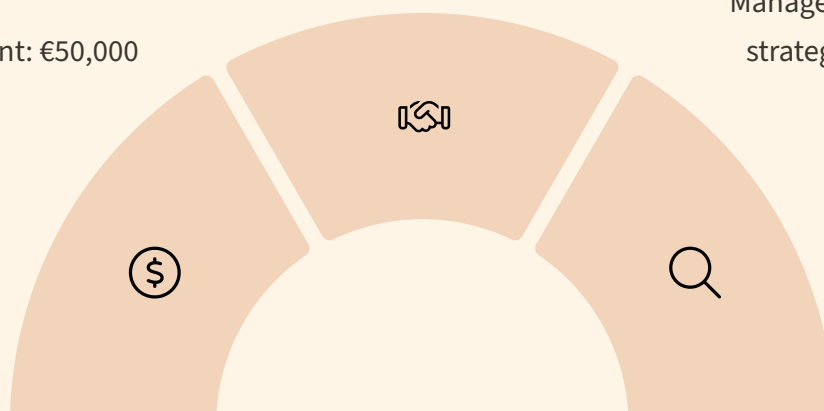
## Compliance & Risk Audit

Legal status and registration check

Financial performance review (last 3 years)

Tax clearance validation

Management interviews & strategic fit assessment



For Executive Tier (HNWI):

For companies **above these thresholds**, investor must contribute ≥ **€100,000**



# d- Key Growth Sectors

Latvia's economic transformation is driven by several key sectors offering significant investment opportunities:



## Knowledge-Intensive Bioeconomy

As Europe's 5th most forested country, Latvia leverages natural resources through advanced forestry and sustainable agriculture, focusing on high-value wood processing and renewable energy. This sector is projected to grow 7% annually, reaching €1.5 billion by 2027.



## Biomedicine & Pharmacy

Latvia's export-oriented life sciences sector exports 76% of products to Europe and North America. Innovation areas include smart diagnostics, personalized medicine, and advanced drug development, supported by over 30 R&D centers and strong university collaborations. The sector attracted over €50 million in venture capital in 2023.



## Smart Energy & Mobility

Ranking 3rd in the EU for renewable energy consumption, Latvia leads in green energy transition, expanding wind/solar farms, advanced energy storage, and EV charging. The government aims for 60% renewable energy by 2030, offering tax incentives for over €300 million in sustainable infrastructure.



## Information & Communication Tech

With Europe's 3rd highest number of ICT students per million, Latvia is a vibrant hub for digital innovation. The sector sees rapid growth in fintech, cybersecurity (over 100 firms), and cloud services, contributing over 10% to national GDP and generating €2 billion in annual revenue.



## Photonics & Smart Materials

Latvia is a global leader in optical fiber innovation and smart materials (e.g., self-healing polymers) for aerospace/automotive. This is driven by significant R&D investment (€75 million in 2023) and strong university-industry collaborations, fostering breakthroughs in sensors, lasers, and manufacturing. Export value increased 15% last year, reaching €450 millions.

## e- Expected Investment Benefits & Exit Strategy

Investors can anticipate projected annual dividends, typically ranging from 2% to 4%. This yield could be guaranteed and also supported by the strong financial performance of carefully selected SMEs in Latvia, with pre-agreed dividend policies prioritizing investor returns. Kouamou Capital's due diligence ensures transparent expectations and mitigates risks.

## f- Capital Recovery After 5 Years

### Sell shares to main shareholder or third party

Investors can divest shares after the initial 5-year holding period, often through pre-negotiated buy-back clauses with the main shareholder(s) within initial shareholder agreements.

### Company buy-back (under agreed terms)

The SME may execute a structured buy-back of investor equity, pre-defined in the investment or shareholder agreement, outlining specific conditions and a clear timeline for the process. This provides a predictable exit pathway and ensures investor liquidity.

### Convert equity into dividends or assets

Subject to mutual agreement and regulatory approval, investors may convert equity into accelerated dividend distributions or tangible/intangible company assets. This offers flexibility for non-cash returns or strategic alignments, providing tailored exit solutions.

### Maintain EU business presence

Investors can retain shares, maintaining a direct business presence in Latvia and continued access to the EU single market. This allows ongoing participation in SME growth, potential for long-term returns, and leveraging Latvia's strategic position.

## g- What Happens After 5 Years?

1. **Renew temporary permit:** Renew the 5-year temporary residence permit under original investment conditions and tax requirements.
2. **Apply for permanent residence:** Eligible after 5 years, requires basic Latvian language proficiency (A2) and knowledge of Latvian history/constitution.
3. **Apply for Latvian/EU citizenship after 10 years:** Requires full integration, advanced Latvian language (B2/C1), and understanding of history/culture. May require renouncing prior citizenship.



# 2-) Real Estate Investment Option

## a- Overview of the option

Acquire European residency through property investment in Latvia's key markets. This pathway offers one of the EU's most accessible real estate-based residency programs.



### Investment Threshold

€250,000 minimum purchase in approved locations (Riga, Jurmala, or other designated cities)



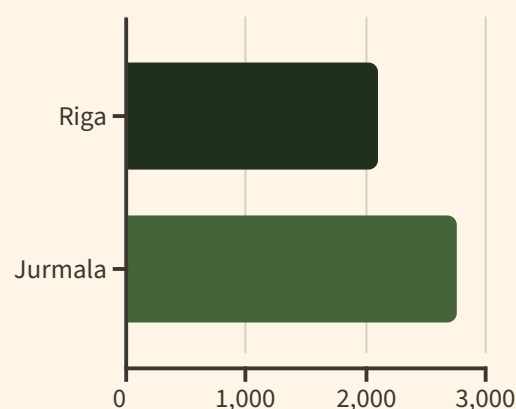
### Additional Costs

€5,000 government fee plus 7% transaction costs (legal, notary, registration)



### Key Requirements

5-year minimum holding period, maximum two properties per application, purchase from VAT-registered sellers only



## b- Latvia's Compelling Rental Market (Q2 2025)

Latvia offers attractive rental yields compared to Western European markets, with a national average of **7.89%** gross rental yield - providing strong passive income potential alongside residency benefits.



Property Type	Average Price (€)	Monthly Rent (€)	Yield (%)
Riga Studio	66,000	490	8.91%
Riga 2-Bedroom	175,000	1,300	8.91%
Jūrmala Studio	36,500	300	9.86%

## c- Expected Investment Benefits & Exit Strategy



### EU Residency Benefits

5-year Temporary Residence Permit with Schengen Zone access for investor and family without additional investment requirements

### Tangible Asset Ownership

Full property ownership with potential for personal use, rental income generation, and capital appreciation in growing Latvian market

### Flexible Exit Options

Sell after 5 years with free repatriation of proceeds, retain property as long-term investment, or pursue permanent residency pathway

## Investment Advantages

- Property ownership in strategic EU location
- Relatively affordable market entry compared to Western Europe
- Potential passive income through property rentals
- No physical presence requirement to maintain status

Latvia's real estate option combines tangible asset ownership with EU residency rights, offering both lifestyle flexibility and investment potential without capital controls.

## d- Real Estate Acquisition: Process & Costs

### Legal Eligibility

Foreigners, including non-EU nationals, are generally permitted to acquire real estate in Latvia. Urban properties and apartments, particularly in major cities like Riga and Jūrmala, are the most common and straightforward options, though restrictions may apply to certain land types.

# e- Acquisition Process

## Step 1: Property Selection

Work with a licensed real estate agent to identify and select a suitable property, typically an apartment or commercial unit in urban centers.

## Step 2: Preliminary Agreement

An optional reservation agreement can be signed with a reservation fee (e.g., €3,000-€10,000) to secure the property during the due diligence phase.

## Step 3: Due Diligence

The buyer or legal representative verifies property ownership, title, cadastral data, and any encumbrances through the official Land Register.

## Step 4: Purchase Agreement

A notarized purchase agreement detailing all sale terms and payment specifics is formally signed by both the buyer and seller.

## Step 5: Payment & Registration

Upon full payment, the ownership change is submitted to the Land Register. Registration typically takes 7-10 business days to complete.

## Associated Costs

- **Property Price:** Minimum €250,000 for residency permit applicants.
- **State Duty (Stamp Duty):** 2% of the property's cadastral or purchase value (whichever is higher), paid at registration.
- **Notary Fees:** Typically range from €100 to €300, varying with transaction complexity.
- **Legal Fees (Optional):** Recommended for legal support, usually €1,000-€2,000.
- **Land Register Fee:** Approximately €30-€50 for official registration.
- **Real Estate Agent Fee (if applicable):** Usually 3-5% of the property value, as agreed.
- **Property Valuation (Optional):** About €150-€300, often required for financing or official documents.
- **Annual Property Tax:** Ranges from 0.2% to 0.6% of the residential property's cadastral value.
- **Maintenance Fees:** Variable for apartment buildings, depending on location and services provided.

## f- Investment Framework

### 1 Property Requirements

€250,000 minimum investment in residential properties only, located in Riga, Jurmala, or regional centers. Must be purchased from legal entities, fully paid, and registered debt-free in the Land Register.

### 2 Financial Considerations

€5,000 government fee upon approval, plus notary, registration, and legal costs. Property must meet €80,000 minimum cadastral value or verified market value.

### 3 Maintenance & Flexibility

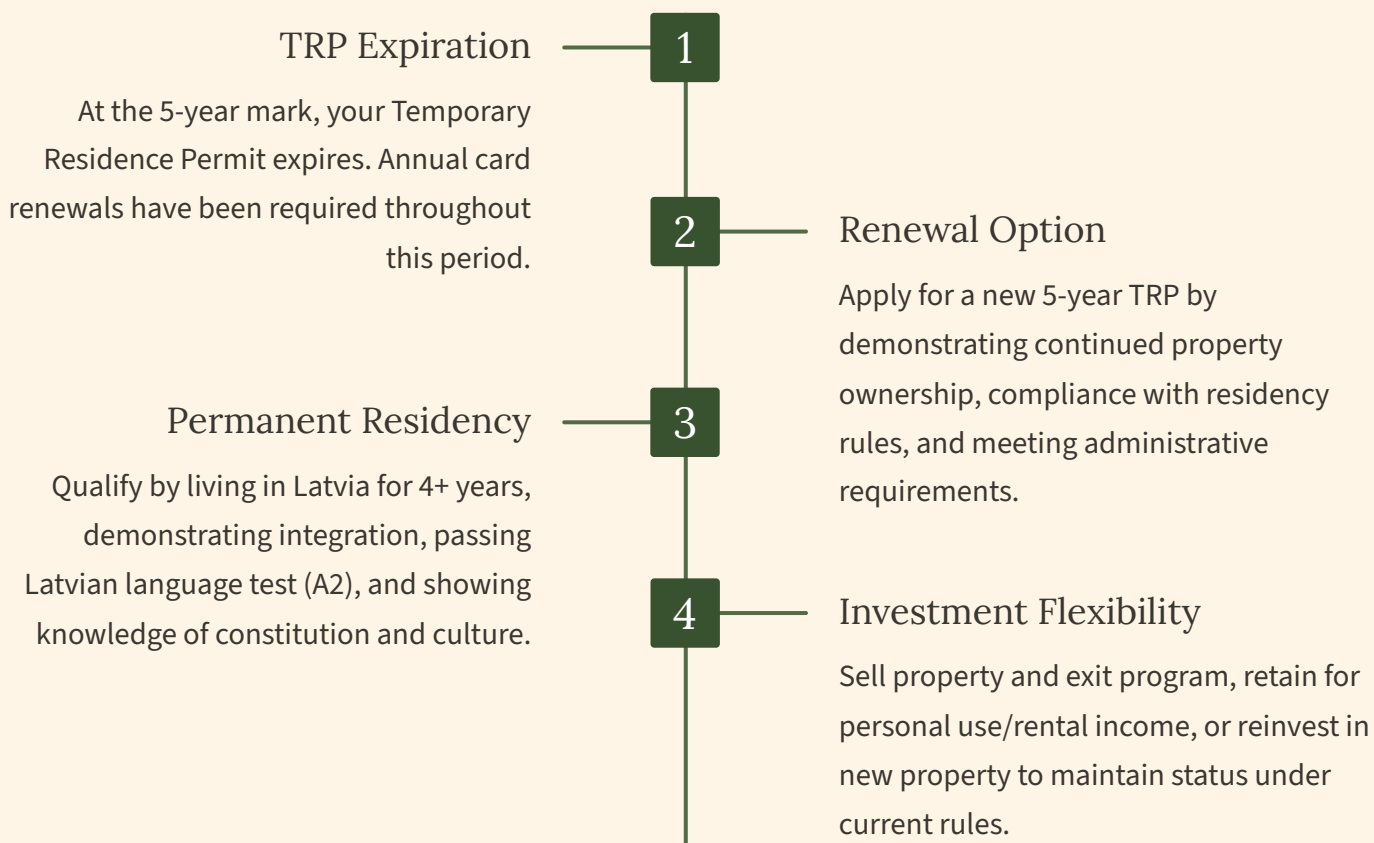
5-year minimum holding period with annual residence card renewal. No physical stay requirements. Property can be used personally or rented for income generation.

### 4 Family Benefits

Spouse and minor children included without additional investment requirements. Supporting documents must be notarized and translated into Latvian.

The property must be retained for the full 5-year period to maintain residency status. Early sale automatically terminates the Temporary Residence Permit.

## g- What Happens After 5 Years?



Long-term pathway to citizenship available after 10 years, requiring permanent residency, continuous physical presence, advanced language proficiency (B1), and generally renouncing prior citizenship. Family members receive parallel benefits, with children needing independent applications upon turning 18. Staying informed about policy changes is essential for effective long-term planning.

## 3) Bank Deposit Option

### a- Investment Benefits & Exit Strategy

The bank deposit route offers a passive, conservative pathway to Latvian residency with minimal management requirements. Investors place €280,000 in a Latvian credit institution for 5 years and pay a one-time €25,000 state fee. This investment must come from legally obtained, verifiable sources such as business income, savings, or asset sales.



#### Security and Predictability

Funds are held in regulated EU institutions under Financial and Capital Market Commission oversight, protected from market volatility and requiring no active management.



#### EU and Schengen Access

Investors and family members gain Latvian residency and visa-free travel throughout the Schengen Area for up to 90 days in any 180-day period.



#### Family Inclusion

Spouses and dependent children receive residence permits under the same application without additional investment requirements.



#### Straightforward Exit Strategy

At the end of the 5-year term, the full principal amount is returned without capital gains tax, and investors can choose whether to renew residency or exit the program.

### b- Yields

8%

Average yield

€22,400

Annual return

€112,000

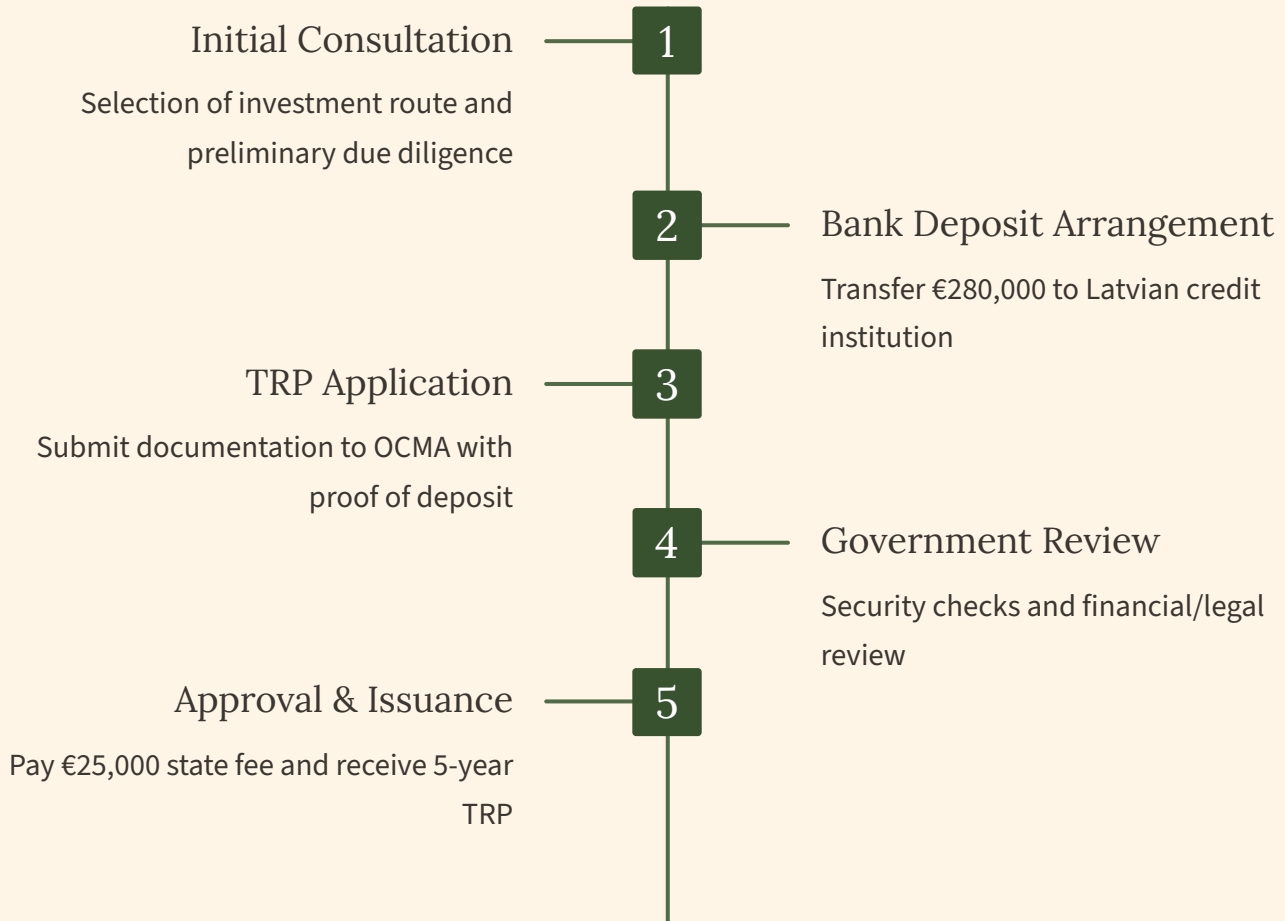
5 years return

With an initial deposit of €280,000, the bank deposit option offer an attractive option for investors with near the half of the investment expected a the end of the 5 years period.

# c- Investment Framework

## Investment Structure

The bank deposit option operates within a clear regulatory framework governed by Latvia's Immigration Law and supervised by multiple authorities:



Long-term pathway to citizenship available after 10 years, requiring permanent residency, continuous physical presence, advanced language proficiency (B1), and generally renouncing prior citizenship.

Family members receive parallel benefits, with children needing independent applications upon turning 18. Staying informed about policy changes is essential for effective long-term planning.

## d- After 5 Years: Options and Pathways

The five-year mark represents a critical decision point for investors in Latvia's Residency by Investment program. As the bank deposit term concludes and the temporary residence permit expires, several options become available:



### Apply for Citizenship

Requires 10 years of legal residence (5 as permanent resident), Latvian language proficiency, history exams, and typically renunciation of previous citizenship.



### Apply for Permanent Residency

Available after 5 years of continuous residence, requires passing Latvian language and integration exams, and demonstrating sufficient income.



### Switch Residence Basis

Transition to business, employment, or family reunification residency status instead of investment-based residency.



### Withdraw Deposit

Retrieve the full €280,000 deposit without penalty or tax on the principal amount (interest may have been taxed at source).

It's important to note that the temporary residence permit linked to the bank deposit expires after 5 years and cannot be renewed using the same investment. To maintain residency status, investors must either qualify under current RBI rules with a new investment or apply through another legal basis.

For those choosing to exit the program completely, they may withdraw their funds, deregister from Latvian authorities, and exit with no further obligations, provided all conditions were met during the 5-year term.

# IV- Opportunities vs. Risks

## Key Opportunities

### EU Residency & Schengen Mobility

Legal residency in an EU country with visa-free travel across the Schengen Area for investors and their families, offering enhanced global mobility and lifestyle flexibility.

### Secure, Low-Risk Investment Options

The €280,000 bank deposit provides a conservative, passive route ideal for risk-averse investors seeking stability, with full capital return and minimal management obligations.

### Tangible Asset Ownership & Capital Growth

Real estate investment enables ownership of physical assets in a growing EU market. Property in Riga, Jurmala, and key cities has shown steady appreciation, with rental yields of 3–6% and long-term capital gain potential.

### Favorable Tax and Legal Framework

Latvia offers 0% tax on reinvested profits, an extensive network of double tax treaties, and no automatic tax liability unless presence exceeds 183 days, allowing for tax-efficiency.

## Key Risks

### Market Liquidity & Management Complexity (Real Estate Option)

Latvia's property market, particularly for high-end assets, may face liquidity constraints. Returns depend on proper property selection, ongoing maintenance, and compliance with tax and legal obligations.

### Capital Lock-In Across Investment Routes

All options (bank deposit, real estate) require a minimum 5-year holding period, reducing adaptability to market changes or access to capital in emergencies.

### Regulatory and Policy Risk

As with all Residency by Investment (RBI) programs, future policy shifts could impact eligibility criteria, renewal terms, or investment thresholds, affecting long-term planning.

### Strategic Geographic and Economic Positioning

Latvia serves as a gateway between the EU and CIS markets, with growing sectors like ICT, biotech, and green energy, supported by transparent regulations and equal treatment for foreign investors.

### Residency Continuity & Requalification

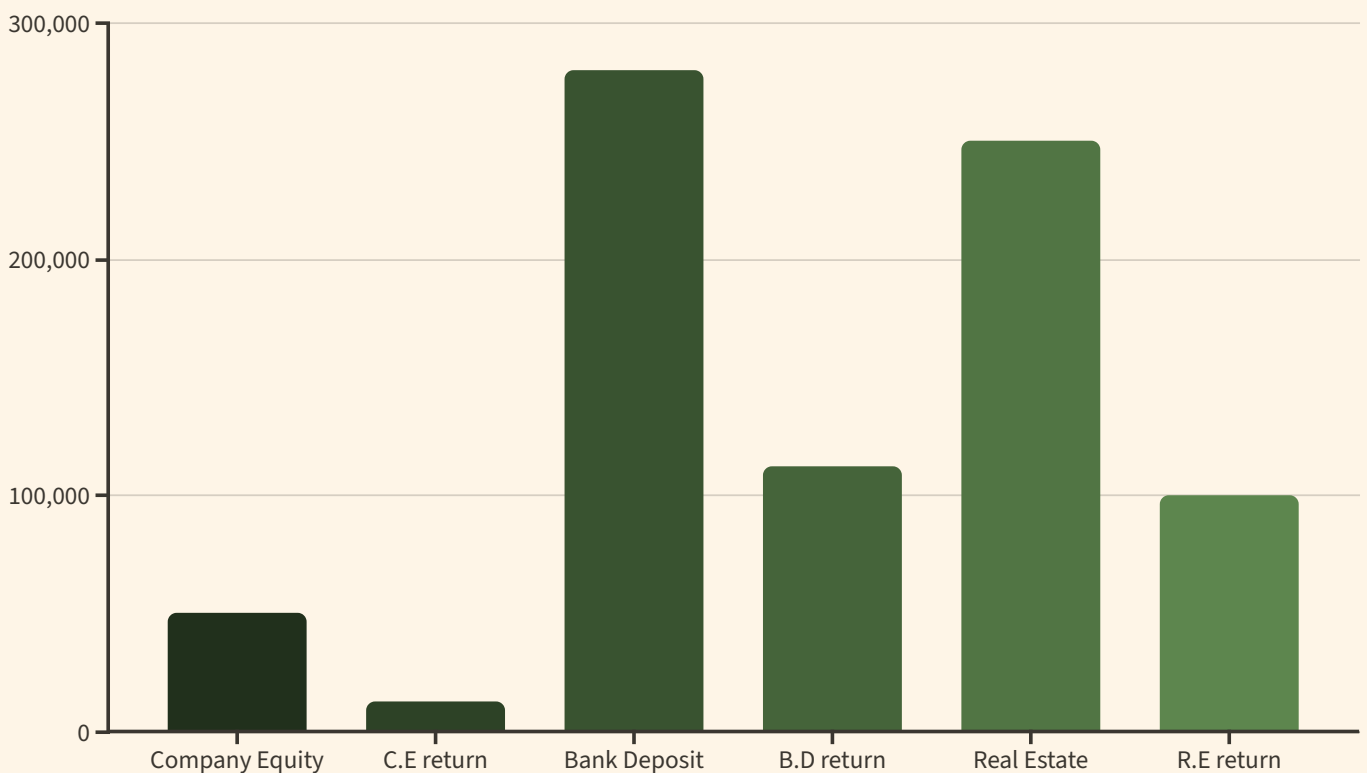
After the initial 5-year period, certain investment routes (e.g., bank deposit) do not allow TRP renewal unless a new qualifying investment is made, requiring ongoing strategic planning.

### Path to Permanent Residency or Citizenship

While not guaranteed, long-term residents may qualify for permanent residency or citizenship, provided language and integration requirements are met.

### Currency Risk for Non-Euro Investors

Deposits and property values are euro-denominated. Non-euro investors face potential currency fluctuation risks, though this can be mitigated via multi-currency accounts or hedging strategies.



While the bank deposit option requires a higher initial investment than some alternatives, it offers simplicity and certainty that appeals to investors prioritizing residency security over financial returns or active business involvement

# V- Tax Considerations for Latvian Investors



## Corporate Taxation

20% tax on distributed profits (calculated as 20/80 on net dividend)

0% tax on reinvested profits, encouraging business growth

Possible dividend tax reduction to 0% for treaty country investors



## Personal Income

Progressive personal income tax: 20% up to €20,004; up to 31% for higher incomes

Interest income typically taxed at 20%, withheld at source

Rental income taxed at 20%



## Property & Capital

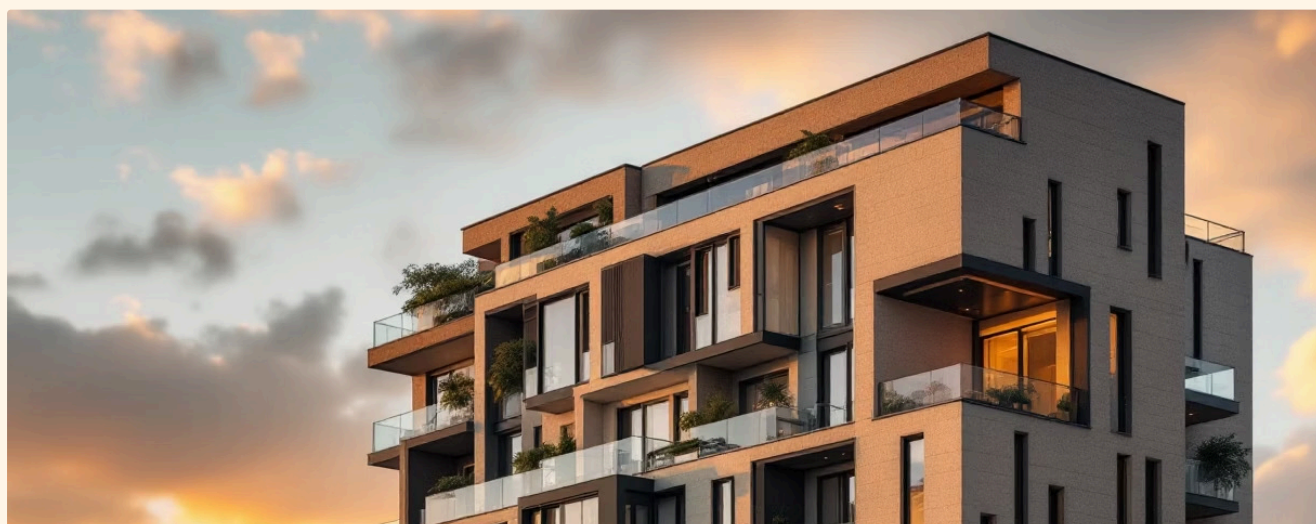
20% capital gains tax on property sales after 5 years (with possible exemptions)

Annual property tax: 0.2-0.6% of cadastral value

No wealth tax or inheritance tax for direct heirs

## Tax Residency Status

You're only considered a Latvian tax resident if you spend 183+ days annually in Latvia, are employed abroad by the Latvian government, or have your center of vital interests in Latvia. Latvia maintains over 60 double taxation treaties aligned with OECD standards, creating a transparent and predictable tax environment for international investors.



# V- Application Process: General Pathway

## Initial Consultation

Verify eligibility requirements and select your preferred investment option (Bank Deposit, Real Estate, or Business Capital). Review financial implications with advisors.

## Documentation

Legalize and translate all required documents into Latvian. Pay applicable state fees (€25,000, €5,000, or €10,000 depending on pathway).

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## Investment Preparation

Complete your chosen investment: €280,000 bank deposit, €250,000 real estate purchase, or €50,000 business capital contribution to a vetted Latvian SME.

## Application & Approval

Submit complete application to OCMA. Wait 30-90 days for processing and background checks. Provide biometrics and receive your 5-year renewable residence permit.

## Required for All Pathways

- Valid passport
- Clean criminal record (apostilled)
- Proof of legal funds source
- Comprehensive health insurance

## Processing Timeline

The entire process typically takes 3-5 months from initial consultation to receiving your residence card, depending on investment complexity and documentation readiness.



# VII- Why Choose Kouamou Capital?



## Specialized Expertise

Focused exclusively on investment-based residency programs since 2020, with deep understanding of Latvia's regulatory landscape.



## Vetted Network

Partnerships with audited, fully compliant local banks, law firms, and service providers throughout Latvia and the EU.



## Comprehensive Support

End-to-end assistance with legal documentation, tax planning, and practical integration including banking relationships and family relocation services.

## Our Distinctive Approach

- Bilingual support in both French and English
- Offices in Paris and Riga for convenient client access
- Personalized, discreet client service with dedicated advisors

Latvia's RBI program offers a secure path to EU residency with minimal risk. While financial returns are modest, the program's simplicity and transparency make it attractive for investors prioritizing mobility over immediate profitability.

Our client-focused approach ensures your investment and immigration journey proceeds smoothly, with full compliance and minimal disruption to your existing business activities.

# Conclusion: Your Gateway to Europe

Latvia's Residency by Investment (RBI) program offers a strategically attractive route to European Union residency for global investors seeking security, mobility, and diversification. As a full member of the EU, Schengen Area, and Eurozone, Latvia provides access to a stable regulatory environment, a favorable tax framework, and a pathway to long-term settlement in Europe. What sets Latvia apart is the flexibility of its program, which accommodates different investor profiles—whether they prioritize security, asset growth, or entrepreneurial engagement. Each investment route presents unique advantages, allowing applicants to align their residency strategy with their financial and lifestyle goals.

The **bank deposit option** offers simplicity, low risk, and capital preservation. With a €280,000 deposit and €25,000 government fee, investors get a 5-year residence permit. The funds are held securely with minimal returns, appealing to those seeking a passive residency solution.

The **real estate investment option** requires €250,000 in property plus a 5% government fee. Investors gain full ownership, rental income, and long-term appreciation. This flexible pathway balances lifestyle and financial benefits.

The **business capital investment** needs €50,000 equity in a Latvian SME plus a €10,000 government fee. This grants residency and shareholder rights in growing sectors like ICT and renewable energy. Investors receive 4-7% dividends and multiple exit options.

In summary, Latvia's RBI program combines accessibility, efficiency, and strategic value. Whether through the conservative and hands-off bank deposit, the asset-backed real estate route, or the growth-oriented business investment path, investors gain access to the European Union's opportunities without the rigid constraints found in many other programs. With fast processing times, no mandatory physical stay requirements, and a clear path to permanent residency or citizenship, Latvia offers a tailored and reliable solution for global investors focused on securing their future in Europe. Thoughtful selection of the right investment option—aligned with personal financial goals and risk appetite—is essential to maximizing the long-term benefits of this unique residency opportunity.

# Appendix

## Frequently Asked Questions: Company investment

### **Q: How are companies selected?**

A: Companies are chosen through a network of audited SMEs in tech, logistics, renewable energy, and manufacturing, focusing on financial stability. Investors receive 2-3 company profiles with business plans, projected returns, and governance details.

### **Q: What are their shareholding percentages and dividends?**

A: Shareholding and dividends vary by company. For instance, a €50,000 investment in a company valued at €1,000,000 with €20 shares would acquire 2.5% of the company's share capital (2,500 shares). Annual dividends are estimated at 4-7%, depending on company performance.

### **Q: What returns can I expect?**

A: Typically €2,000–€3,000 per year (4–7% net), depending on company performance.

### **Q: What if the company fails?**

A: All investments carry risk. We reduce this by selecting only vetted, revenue-generating companies—no startups.

### **Q: Are they private or public?**

A: The companies are private, selected via a partner network of audited SMEs in tech, logistics, renewable energy, and manufacturing, prioritized for financial stability and compliance.

### **Q: What am I investing in?**

A: A €50,000 equity investment in a registered, profitable Latvian company. You become a shareholder with legal ownership.

### **Q: Do I get real shares?**

A: Yes. You receive a real stake based on company valuation, with official shareholder documentation.

### **Q: Can I choose the company?**

A: You can approve the proposed company. We select based on sector stability, due diligence, and dividend potential.

### **Q: Is the investment refundable?**

A: Not automatically. It's an equity stake, but shares can later be sold or transferred under certain conditions.

# Frequently Asked Questions: Real Estate

**Q: Can I rent out the property while holding the residence permit?**

A: Yes. As the legal owner, you have the right to rent out the property for income, either long-term or short-term (e.g. Airbnb), subject to local municipal rules and registration.

**Q: How long is the residence permit valid?**

A: The residence permit is issued for 5 years, but the residence card must be renewed annually. After 5 years, the permit can be renewed or converted to permanent residency if you meet additional requirements.

**Q: Can I finance the property with a mortgage?**

A: No. To qualify for residency, the property must be fully paid in cash and unencumbered by loans. Using a mortgage—even partially—disqualifies the investment from meeting the requirements.

**Q: Can my family apply with me?**

A: Yes, your spouse and minor children can be included in the same application.

**Q: Do I need to live in Latvia to maintain my residence permit?**

A: No. There is no minimum stay requirement.

**Q: Can I apply for permanent residency later?**

A: Yes, after 5 years of holding the TRP, you may apply for permanent residency if you meet language and integration requirements.

**Q: Can I work in Latvia with this residence permit?**

A: Not automatically. You would need to apply separately for a work permit.

**Q: Is the investment guaranteed to be returned?**

A: The real estate investment is an asset that could be sold after 5 years, but the return of the initial capital depends on the market and property conditions at that time.

Pathway to citizenship available indirectly after 10 years (5 TRP + 5 permanent) with physical residence and passing language/history exams. Investment property must be maintained for full 5-year term to preserve residency status.

Remote process management possible through authorized representatives with power of attorney for property transactions and application submissions.

# Frequently Asked Questions: Bank Deposit

**Q: Do I need to live in Latvia to maintain my residence permit?**

A: No, there is no physical residence requirement, though you must renew your residence card annually.

**Q: Will I become a Latvian tax resident?**

A: Only if you stay in Latvia for 183+ days per year or establish your center of vital interests there.

**Q: Can I earn interest on the deposit?**

A: Yes. An interest rate of 8-10% is guaranteed.

**Q: Can my family apply with me?**

A: Yes, your spouse and minor children below 18 old can be included in the same application.

**Q: What happens if I withdraw the deposit early?**

A: Early withdrawal is not permitted and would result in immediate termination of your residence permit. However, you can withdraw the amount of your interest rate.

**Q: Can I apply for permanent residency later?**

A: Yes, after 5 years of holding the TRP, you may apply for permanent residency if you meet language and integration requirements.

**Q: Is the investment guaranteed to be returned?**

A: Yes, the full amount is returned after 5 years, provided all program conditions are met.

Latvia's Residency by Investment Program, particularly through the bank deposit option, offers a secure pathway to European Union residency with minimal risk. While financial returns are modest, the program's simplicity, transparency, and relatively low cost compared to other EU options make it attractive for investors prioritizing mobility and long-term EU opportunities over immediate profitability.

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